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PROCESSING TERMINAL FOR USE
IN A RADIO FREQUENCY
COMMUNICATION NETWORK

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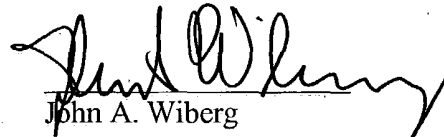
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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

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Dear Sir:

Applicants respectfully submit this preliminary amendment in connection with the above newly filed continuation application. Please amend the application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel claims 1-20 and add new claims 21-39 as shown in the listing of claims below.

Claims 1-20 (cancelled)

21. (New) A system for use in a portable terminal utilizing a communication protocol stack having higher and lower layers, the portable terminal also comprising a communication